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MyNews for March 5, 2020

Georgia Southern announces new Athletic Director



Georgia Southern University has hired Mississippi State University's Jared Benko as Eagle Nation's new director of athletics. Benko will report directly to the University president, serve as a member of the President's Cabinet and oversee 17 NCAA Division I varsity athletics programs, 15 of which compete in the Sun Belt Conference. Benko will officially start on April 1.

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Georgia Southern hosts annual Gratitude Gala Donor Awards, celebrates individual, corporate philanthropy



Georgia Southern University hosted its annual Gratitude Gala to recognize key donors for their longtime support of institutional initiatives. The event was held on Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Mansion on Forsyth Park in Savannah. Awards were presented to the honorees, which included four individuals, one foundation and one corporation.

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Sweet Memories: Georgia Southern staffer pens 100-year history of Leopold's Ice Cream; memoir headed to the big screen



If you ask Melanie Simón if she ever imagined being a two-time author with one book in development for a Hollywood film, she'll just laugh and say "absolutely not!"

On Feb. 15, the public relations manager on the Armstrong Campus released her second book, *Leopold's Ice Cream: A Century of Tasty Memories*, at a launch party at the flagship ice cream shop on Broughton Street in downtown Savannah. Featuring a foreword by former President Jimmy Carter, the book recounts the story of the Leopold brothers and their family in Savannah between 1901 and 2019, including the life of film producer and renowned ice cream maker Stratton Leopold.

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The Masquers bring razor-sharp drama 'Clybourne Park' to Armstrong Campus



The student theater group, the Masquers, present their main stage show of the year, “Clybourne Park,” at Jenkins Hall Theatre on the Armstrong Campus of Georgia Southern University. The play will run March 5 through 7 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 8 at 3 p.m. General admission tickets to the show cost \$15. Seniors, children and military members can take advantage of a discount. Georgia Southern students, faculty and staff are admitted free with their Eagle ID.

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Georgia Southern working with National Institute of Design to create sustainable e-commerce packaging



Georgia Southern University is partnering with the National Institute of Design in India and some of the largest e-commerce companies in India to help combat the negative environmental effects of online retail shopping.

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Georgia Southern Counseling Center assistant director receives national award



Rebecca K. Smith, assistant director of the Georgia Southern University Counseling Center, was awarded the Professional Leadership award during the American College Counseling Association annual conference in Washington, D.C.

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Spring sports take lead at home

THIS WEEK IN GS ATHLETICS

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| MEN'S BASKETBALL VS ARK. STATE TUESDAY, MARCH 3 7 PM HANNER FIELDHOUSE | RIFLE - SOCON CHAMPIONSHIPS SATURDAY, MARCH 7 - SUNDAY, MARCH 8 8 AM SHOOTING SPORTS ED. CENTER | WOMEN'S TENNIS VS UNC-W SUNDAY, MARCH 8 10 AM WALLIS TENNIS CENTER |
| SOFTBALL VS BOSTON COLLEGE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 6 PM EAGLE FIELD-SOFTBALL | WOMEN'S TENNIS VS CHARLESTON SATURDAY, MARCH 7 2 PM WALLIS TENNIS CENTER | SOFTBALL VS ULM SUNDAY, MARCH 8 12:30 PM EAGLE FIELD-SOFTBALL |
| SOFTBALL VS ULM FRIDAY, MARCH 6 6 PM EAGLE FIELD-SOFTBALL | SOFTBALL VS ULM SATURDAY, MARCH 7 2 PM EAGLE FIELD-SOFTBALL | BASEBALL VS VALPARAISO SUNDAY, MARCH 8 1 PM J.I. CLEMENTS STADIUM |
| BASEBALL VS VALPARAISO FRIDAY, MARCH 6 6:30 PM J.I. CLEMENTS STADIUM | BASEBALL VS VALPARAISO SATURDAY, MARCH 7 3 PM J.I. CLEMENTS STADIUM | WOMEN'S TENNIS VS ABAC SUNDAY, MARCH 8 2 PM WALLIS TENNIS CENTER |

Softball hosts University of Louisiana Monroe all weekend long at Eagle Field.

Baseball hosts Valparaiso University in a weekend series. Sunday's game will be presented by the Clubhouse with free entry for all [Jr. Eagle Club](#) members, a kids zone and kids will be able to run the bases after the game.

Women's rifle hosts the Southern Conference Championship on Saturday and Sunday.

Women's tennis hosts the College of Charleston on Saturday and the University of North Carolina Wilmington and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on Sunday at the Wallis Tennis Center.

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On-Campus News

- [‘Eat Right, Future Bright’ National Nutrition Month hosted by Eagle Dining Services](#)
- [Check out the weekly specials at the Talons Food Truck, Armstrong Campus](#)
- [Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art students present senior art exhibit, ‘Perspective’](#)
- [Moveable Feast Lecture Series continues with Breaking Gendered Boundaries](#)

- [Georgia Southern Counseling Center staff honored by Georgia College Counseling Association](#)

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In the Media

- [Event to help make Georgia Southern students aware about sexual violence](#) – WTOC
 - [Georgia Southern health officials, SCAD monitoring COVID-19](#) – WTOC
 - [Ogeechee International History Film Festival](#) – WTOC Morning Break
 - [Ogeechee International History Film Festival returns for fourth season](#) – Georgia Entertainment News
 - [Congressman Allen announces 2020 Youth Leadership Summit](#) – [Allen.House.Gov](#)
 - [Wilson named Dean of Industrial Technologies at Southeastern Tech](#) – All on Georgia
 - [Georgia Southern to host Sexual Assault Awareness Week in Statesboro this week](#) – WSAV
 - [GSU Sexual Assault Awareness](#) – WJCL
 - [Georgia Southern's Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health secures \\$248,000 grant](#) – Savannah Business Journal
 - [Best Health Degrees releases national rankings of DNP degree programs](#) – Yahoo Finance
 - [3 Bryan County residents in 2020 Leadership Southeast Georgia class](#) – Bryan County News
 - [Arbor Day annual celebration helps to make Georgia Southern greener](#) – All on Georgia
 - [Georgia Southern's Adrian Peterson inducted into Georgia Sports Hall of Fame](#) – Savannah Morning News
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